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Respectfully submitted,

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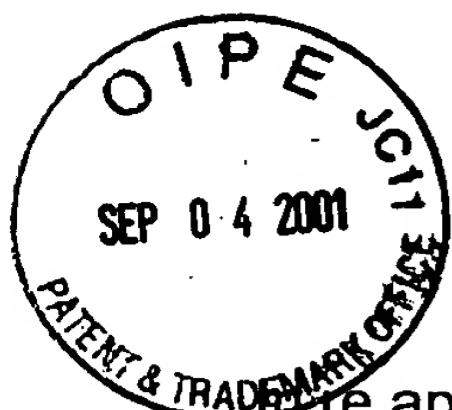
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Title: RAPID PHARMACEUTICAL COMPONENT SCREENING  
DEVICES AND METHODS10 Date: August 30, 2001**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

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Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following:

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[0023] FIG. 5A is a schematic representation of a drop on demand generating apparatus as can be employed in the process and test device of the present invention, illustrating a removable cartridge and printhead each of which contains an optional memory storage device; and

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following:

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[0024] FIG. 5B depicts a greatly enlarged view of an electrical memory storage device; and